



Congressman Nick Smith at his family farm in Addison, Michigan

Congressman Nick Smith's BIOGRAPHY

Elected to U.S. House of Representatives in 1992 and reelected in 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2002.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Science, Chairman Subcommittee on Research
Committee on International Relations
Committee on Agriculture
House Policy Committee
Republican Study Committee
Chaired Bipartisan Task Force on Social Security

Michigan's
7th District



CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Former State Legislative Leaders Working Group
Congressional Fire Caucus
Immigration Reform Caucus

FAMILY

Nick and his wife, Bonnie have four children and ten grandchildren

BACKGROUND

Education: M.S. in Economics, University of Delaware
B.S., Michigan State University
(Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, Varsity Club)
Civil Air Patrol, Squadron Commander, United States Air Force
Intelligence Officer, United States Air Force

EXPERIENCE AT THE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEVEL

Radio Farm Editor, WDEL Radio Station
Board of Directors, Farm Bureau Insurance Company
State Chairman, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Services
One of 9 State MI-OSHA Commissioners
USDA Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs
Federal Executive Institute
Director of Energy, USDA
Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences, USDA
Delegate to the American Assembly on World Population and Hunger (Representing USDA)
Township Trustee
Township Supervisor
County Board of Supervisors
County Republican Chairman
Candidate for MSU Board of Trustees
Member, Working Group of the Presidential Oil Policy Committee
(During Arab Oil Embargo, 1972-1974)
Michigan State Senator, 1983-1992
Michigan State Representative, 1979-1982
National Delegation on U.S. - Russian Cooperation and Trade
4-H Leader
Farmer (2000 acre dairy and cash crop), expanded from 100 acres.
Church Deacon and Trustee (Superintendent of Sunday School)

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LEGISLATIVE AWARDS

“Taxpayer’s Friend” from the National Taxpayers’ Union. Named most fiscally conservative member in Congress during the 100-day Contract with America.

“Taxpayer’s Hero” from Citizens Against Government Waste.

“Tax Fighter Award” from the National Tax-Limitation Committee. Smith received an “A” rating based on an analysis of more than 1100 recorded votes.

“Friend of the Taxpayer” from Americans for Tax Reform.

“Golden Bulldog Award” from Watchdogs of the Treasury, Inc.

“Thomas Jefferson Award” for efforts to balance the budget, reduce the deficit, tax and spending cuts, and legal and regulatory reform.

“Spirit of Enterprise” from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for support of pro-growth economic policies.

“Guardian of Small Business” from the National Federation of Small Business.

“Deficit Hawk Award” and “Honor Roll” from the Concord Coalition.

“Champion of Private Property Rights” from the League of Private Property Voters.

“Senior Friendly” and “Guardian of Seniors’ Rights” from the 60 Plus Association.

“National Association of Manufacturers Award” for manufacturing legislative excellence in support of American manufacturers and economic growth.

“Presidential Award for Leadership” from the National Farmers Union for efforts to target farm payments to family farmers during the 2002 farm bill process.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Black belt Tae Kwan Do

State Star Farmer, FFA

Honorary FFA State Farmer

Fellowship, University of Delaware

Outstanding Young Men of America

Kellogg Foundation Agricultural Fellowship

Conservator of the Year for Farm Stewardship, 1988

Michigan State University Scholarship

Commandant’s Award for Scholastics, USAF

National Superior Service Award, Director of Energy Office, USDA

OTHER

Since Nick was elected to the State Legislature in 1981, he has voted against and refused his legislative pay raises. Instead, his pay raises fund the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, to recognize outstanding high school seniors in his district.

As one of only twenty-two Members of Congress who refuses contributions from special interest lobbyists and their PACs, Nick initiated the “No-PAC” Caucus in 1993.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

- Rep. Smith sponsored income averaging legislation for farmers, which became part of the 1997 tax cut package passed by Congress.
- Rep. Smith chairs the House Task Force on the debt limit and the misuse of trust funds. He has sponsored the Budget Enforcement Act, which limited discretionary spending and became part of the House budget agreement.
- Rep. Smith has introduced legislation to reform Social Security and ensure its solvency.
- Rep. Smith introduced the Neutral Cost Recovery Act, the key economic stimulus component of the Contract with America. Smith’s bill cuts taxes on business investments and creates jobs and income, and will stimulate the economy more than any other provision of the Contract.